

Forest Sector Workgroup  
**Recommendation to convene stakeholder group  
to examine policy options for guiding growth  
in rural and resource lands**

The Forest Sector Workgroup agrees that conversion of rural and resource zoned forestland will have a detrimental impact to achieving the state's goals for greenhouse gas emissions and restoration of fish habitat and water quality. The Workgroup also recognizes that while reduction of emissions may be an important outcome of conservation of forestland, carbon is not the driver behind the state's rural and resource land use policies. Due to these complexities, the Workgroup concluded that it is beyond the time and scope of the committee to fully address this topic, and that other stakeholders need to be involved through another venue. Therefore, the Workgroup would like to call attention to the rapid conversion of rural and resource zoned forest land. The Workgroup agrees that it would be worthwhile to examine policy options for guiding growth in rural and resource lands to better achieve the state's goals. Accordingly, the Workgroup urges a team be convened as quickly as possible to begin work on this issue.

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